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Description
The four selected items in this folder cover the period September 1924-September 1925. Included is a letter from longtime associate William J. Hammer congratulating the Edisons on the engagement of their son Theodore and commenting on the Paris Universal Exposition of 1889. Also included is a draft letter from Mina Edison to Frank W. Collier of American University thanking him for his appreciative remarks about her father Lewis Miller and his contributions to the Chautauqua movement. A letter from John V. Miller to Farnham Yardley, Edison's neighbor in Llewellyn Park and member of the Park's Board of Managers, requests a permit for a sewer connection at Glenmont.

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[F5F15AA], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Farnham Yardley, September 22nd, 1924

Title
[F5F15AA], Letter from John Vincent Miller to Farnham Yardley, September 22nd, 1924

Author
Miller, John Vincent

Recipient
Yardley, Farnham

Mentioned

- Glenmont
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Cox, Douglas Farley

Date
1924-09-22

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Letter

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Mrs. T.A. Edison
Re: Sewer Connection

September 22, 1924

Mr. Farnham Yardley,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N.J.

Re: Sewer Connection - Mrs. Edison's house

Dear Mr. Yardley:

I am told by Mr. Yarnick that you issue permits for opening roads in the park for various purposes.

Mrs. Edison is very anxious to connect an overflow from the deep well pump to the sewer and we, therefore, wish to make a connection in the manhole located between Mrs. Edison's house and Mr. Cox's house, i.e. across Linden Avenue.

Will you kindly therefore send us this permit which Mrs. Edison will appreciate very much ?

We are sending you a duplicate copy of this letter so if desirable you can approve the letter and return to us and we will send it to the proper local authorities.

Very truly yours,

JVH/cs

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[F5F15AB], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Clarence W Rowley, February 25th, 1925

Title
[F5F15AB], Letter from William Henry Meadowcroft to Clarence W Rowley, February 25th, 1925

Author
Meadowcroft, William Henry

Recipient
Rowley, Clarence W

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1925-02-25

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Letter

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TAE friends and associates

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February 25, 1925.

Mr. Clarence W. Rowley,
#622 Colonial Bldg.,
#100 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Mr. Edison has sent up from Florida a memorandum, asking me to say to you that he received your very interesting letter of February 16, and was very glad indeed to hear from you. He also wishes me to extend his thanks for your congratulations and good wishes on his birthday. He appreciates your pleasant remembrance of that occasion. He also wishes me to tell you that he has the picture hung up in his house, and it often brings back to him pleasant recollections.

Yours very truly,

Assistant to Mr. Edison.

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[F5F15AC], Letter from William Joseph Hammer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 14th, 1925

Title
[F5F15AC], Letter from William Joseph Hammer to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 14th, 1925

Author
Hammer, William Joseph

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Exhibition. Paris Universal (1889)
- Berger, Georges
- Harjes, John Henry
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Burbank, Luther
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1925-03-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE personality and character
- TAE friends and associates
- Finances (TAE and family)

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103 WAVERLY PLACE
NEW YORK

Dorman letters

March 14th 1925

Mrs Thomas A. Edison.
Fort-Myers
Florida.

I received this morning's mail. Read this letter & then turn to answer. Return letter to me & I will keep it until later.

My dear Mrs Edison.

I am sending you under separate cover two things, one is a box of tiny toys which you may care to give to some of the Florida "Crackers" in the hospital or elsewhere.

The other thing is a photo copy of the fine letter Mr Edison wrote to Counsel Brought of the French Govt. (enclosed in a cardboard tube)

I know that you like to keep things re' to Mr Edison & this note & I thought that you might care for this copy, if not tear it up.

Mr Brought said to me, "Oh Mayo Hammer I did not want to send that letter to France, I wanted that letter of Mr Edison's for myself" & I replied "I knew that you did so I took the original down town & had a photo copy of it made which is the next best thing to the original."

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3/ I was in the Consulate recently to secure my Diploma which had not been received at the time I was given the Cross of the Legion of Honor + Mr Bourget said that he had sent the photograph copy of Mr Edisons letter to France + asked the Government to take it among its archives + return the original copy to him, but he said he feared that some one might have stolen it + I said that is probably what happened to Mr Edisons original letter which he wrote in 1889 when we were at at Paris.

Mr Edison told me in 1889 that he felt if anyone at the Expo deserved recognition I did + he said should not raise my hand to get it; that I had never asked for nor sought an honor in my life, + he said I was wrong that such things were valuable + useful + that he was going to see that I received it + he wrote a full letter the original of which (in French) I still have) + sent it to Commissioner General Berger of the Expo. I was nothing

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I/ was heard in reply, Mr Edison spoke to Mr Hayes his secretary, just before he left for his N. J. home Mr Hayes said he would attend to the matter of his mail, & later learned that Mr Edison's letter had never been received.

I never did anything further until Consul Brought urged me to secure a letter from Mr Edison, assuming he felt I was entitled to the decoration & through his kindly cooperation of Mr Edison & Consul Brought have recently (Feb 10-25) received this great honor.

It was a mighty fine thing for Mr Edison to do & I appreciate his letter as much as I do his decoration.

Mabel pinned it first on Gen Dodd unofficially & then stood to give it to me officially by Consul Brought at the Army & Navy Club at the meeting of the Mil Order of the World War; to which I belong, & I have just mailed You an account published in their Nat: Bulletin, & this is the only account of any value, the daily Press notices were poor & inaccurate.

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CONSULTING ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
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NEW YORK

4/ When I saw Consul Brought + the new Consul General of France recently they both spoke of their admiration for your wonderful husband and said that they would rather meet him than any one + I told them that you all had gone to Florida but perhaps some day after you had returned we might run over to the Laboratory + meet Mr Edison personally + they expressed a great desire to do so, (but Brought see that they took up very little of his time)

Personally I consider Thomas A. Edison and Mr Burbank of Cal, the World's two most useful men, they certainly "have made many blades of grass grow where none grew before"

In conclusion permit me to extend my heartly felicitations upon your son Theodore's engagement + approaching marriage + to send my kindest regards to yourself + Mr Edison

Very sincerely.

W. J. Hammer

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[F5F15AE], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Frank Wilbur Collier, September 7th, 1925

Title
[F5F15AE], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Frank Wilbur Collier, September 7th, 1925

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Collier, Frank Wilbur

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Lewis
- Vincent, John Heyl
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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1925-09-07

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Letter

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GLENMONT, LLEWELLYN PARK
WEST ORANGE Sept. 7-1925

Mr. Frank W. Collier
American University
Washington, D.C.

My dear Collier.

Nothing that could have come to me would have been more gratifying than your expression of appreciation of a most deserving factor. I, we all thank you for what you have done far more than we can express in writing.

Mr. Edison has always said,

"dont worry, your father will get justice in the end"; for, as you say, the answer to the question as to the founder of Chautauqua, has been repeatedly, "Bishop Vincent".
Thank you again for your able assistance in rectifying a false impression.
Would it be possible to have a photographic copy of the article in the Boston Transcript with father's likeness, printed in such form as to make it easy to insert it in back of his or her book - It would enhance the value of the work of the book tremendously

Would it be permissible for me to have copies made of your articles in such form that each member of the family could insert one in his or her book? It would make the volume all the more valuable to us.
With sincere appreciation of your kindness - Yours

Mina M. Vincent